Revolutionary Action Platform and Rules

Greetings Comrades, What you are about to read is the program of Revolutionary Action, a collective of (surprise, surprise) revolutionaries. Revolutionary Action believes that not one faction or tendency amongst the international revolutionary movement has a monopoly on the "truth" for the way forward. We wish to create an organisation where individuals whether they call themselves anarchists, socialists, communists or whatever can come together to fight against capitalism. Within the boundaries that the collective explicitly believes, that the way to create a better world is through revolutionary workers' self-liberation, the greatest amount of pluralism and debate is encouraged. People familiar with the left will notice the brevity of the document. Many left organisations define their positions in huge text books where every I is dotted and every T crossed twice. This brevity does not arise because we are just lazy and could not be bothered writing a thesis on Revolutionary Action's exact position, but more that we do not seek an exact position. The programs purpose is to create a common ground to work from, with the belief that frank open political debate within the collective will decide tactical and political questions as they arise. (Insert inspiring slogan here)

Aims

The collective aims to contribute to the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and the creation of a society free from all forms of exploitation, oppression, alienation and violence.

Methods

1) The creation of the broadest possible solidarity within the working class and the promotion of debate around questions of organisation and revolutionary strategy.

2) To participate in and build movements that fight against the misery of capitalism on everyday issues affecting the working class. Within these movements the collective argues for internal democracy and militant class politics. For not only are these tactics necessary to win concessions from capital, it is through this process of struggle that the working class is united.

Platform

1) Capitalism is a society based on the exploitation of the working class. The working class makes up the vast majority of society; consisting of everyone who must sell their labour-power to live.

2) The revolutionary working class movement is built through everyday struggles against capitalist society and the power of the ruling class.

3) The struggle against capitalism leads to the development of democratic bodies of working class power; strike committees, community organisations and workers' councils. These forms of organisation will be the basis of the revolution and the society it creates.

4) The working class must free itself through it's own collective action. Liberation will not come through parliament but through working class revolution.

5) The revolution must be an act of the workers themselves and not some minority on their behalf. It must be pluralistic, multi-party and based on active, participatory and unlimited democracy.

6) Revolutionary groups and individuals are part of the working class movement and not leaders separate from and superior to it.

7) Capitalism is inherently racist, sexist and homophobic. It uses discrimination to divide the working class and subject sections of the class (i.e. women and ethnic minorities) to a situation of extra-exploitation and oppression. The liberation struggles against this are integral parts of the revolution.

8) Capitalism threatens the world with complete environmental destruction in it's constant search for profits. This destruction will only end with the overthrow of capitalism and the construction of a society based not on greed, but democratically decided needs and wants.

9) The capitalist system is international and so is the exploitation of the working class. Nationalism is a tool to divide the working class and make them sympathise with their exploiters. Global solidarity is needed everywhere so that there can be freedom anywhere.

Rules and principles

1) Membership of Revolutionary Action is open to all who agree with the rules and principles and are accepted by a vote of the collective.

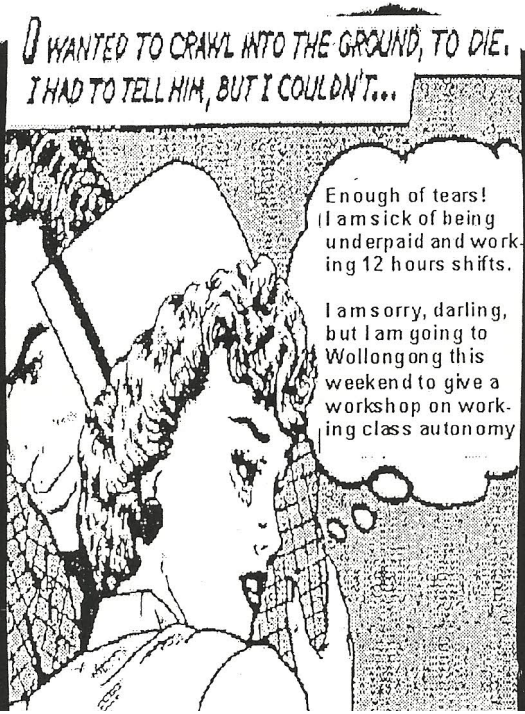
2) Collective meetings are open to all, however only members have voting rights.

3) A vote of the collective is a simple majority vote at a meeting of the collective.

4)The collective will not run tickets in union elections.

5) Members may be elected to administrative positions but these are instantly recallable and without privilege.

6) All members have the right to form factions. Such factions may publish their views both within the collective and in public and in the case of minority factions the collective has a responsibility to assist them in publishing their views.


I WANTED TO CRAWL INTO THE GROUND, TO DIE. I HAD TO TELL HIM, BUT I COULDN'T...
Enough of tears! I am sick of being underpaid and working 12 hours shifts.
I am sorry, darling, but I am going to Wollongong this weekend to give a workshop on working class autonomy